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SUBJECT: C-130 AIRCRAFT FOR SINGAPORE

1. IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH COUNTERINSURGENCY SEMINAR AND OTHER ITEMS IN CROWE PACKAGE, BELIEVE THE STATUS OF C-130'S PRESENTLY LOCATED IN SINGAPORE SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED.

2. TWO C-130A AIRCRAFT REMAIN AT THE LOCKHEED SINGAPORE FACILITIES WITH SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES OF FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 15, 1976. PREVIOUS MESSAGES HAVE STATED C-130 AIRCRAFT RETROGRADED FROM SOUTH VIETNAM (WHICH THESE ARE) WERE SCHEDULED FOR RETURN TO THE U.S. GUARD AND RESERVE UNITS. CONSIDERING USG DIFFICULTIES IN COMING THROUGH WITH POSITIVE RESPONSE TO GOS REQUEST FOR FMS ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING HIGH COST OF C-1 SEMINAR AT FORT BRAGG) SUGGEST THESE TWO C-130S'S BE OFFERED TO THE GOS THROUGH FMS ON AS IS WHERE IS BASIS. BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE GUARD AND RESERVE UNITS ACTUALLY REQUIRE THESE LAST TWO RETROGRADED C-130'S. IF IT APPEARS THAT THESE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT PRESENTLY REQUIRED, THEN EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE THESE REMAINING TWO C-130 AVAILABLE TO THE GOS.

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3. THE OFFERING TO THE GOS OF THESE TWO C-130A AIRCRAFT REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO OVERCOME SOME OF THE COMPLICATIONS RESULTING FROM THE MISUNDERSTANDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOTAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE ADVANCED DURING CROWE VISIT.

4. IF WE CAN NOT MAKE ABOVE C-130'S AVAILABLE TO GOS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE UPDATE ON AVAILABILITY OF OTHER USED C-130'S

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